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# The Caledonian Mercury.

*Edinburgh, Monday, October 14, 1728.*

*From the London Evening Post, Oct. 5.*

*Gratz, Sept. 28.*

THE Emperor, who returned hither the 24th of this Month, did not arrive till eight at Night, with a very ſmall Retinue. As his Imperial Majeſty was not expected till the next Day, and it being beſides very dark, the Centinel, who was without the Gate, made at firſt ſome Difficulty to let him paſs, and the Officer of the Guard coming up, was the more ſurprized to ſee the Emperor, becauſe his Imperial Majeſty was to have lain that Night at Moribourg, for the Route was ſettled; and 'twas a Providence that the Emperor took the Reſolution to ſet out that Day from Moribourg to come hither, for ſoon after his Imperial Majeſty's Departure, the Apartment in which he was to have lain fell down. This Accident is aſcribed to the great Number of Cannon that were fired, and which ſhook that Building. They write from Trieſte, that they were already at Work there, to enlarge and deepen the Baſon or utmoſt Port, that 16 Men of War may ride there in Safety: The utmoſt Port is very large, and will contain a great Number of all Sorts of Veſſels: Several Warehouſes are likewiſe to be built there, and nothing will be omitted to render it a flouriſhing Harbour.

*Milan, Sept.* 18. 'Tis talked here, that the Marquis de Monteleone, Ambaſſador of the King of Spain at Venice, has received from Madrid, Bills of Exchange to the Value of 100,000 Piſtoles. People conjecture from this, that the Infant Don Carlos may ſhortly be ſeen in Italy.

*Baſil, Sept.* 30. We hear that with the Levies begun in this Country for the Service of Spain, the Troops of his Catholick Majeſty will be augmented by 10,000 Men.

*From the Poſt Boy Oct. 5.*

*Rome, Sept.* 18. N. S. Tho' the ſeven Cardinals appointed for examining the Affair of Cardinal de Noailles, had laſt Monday a Conference of above five Hours, they met Yeſterday again upon the ſame, and when they broke up, ſent the Reſult of their Deliberations to Cardinal de Polignac, who immediately diſpatched a Courier for France with the ſame. 'Tis talked that this Affair is now entirely finiſhed.

*Vienna, Sept.* 22. Orders have been ſent to Bohemia to provide Quarters for 12 or 15000 Men of Imperial Troops which are to march thither forthwith; from whence afterwards they are to proceed to Sileſia. As theſe Troops are very burdenſome to the People, an Ordinance will very ſhortly be iſſued, for obliging them to obſerve a more ſtrict Diſcipline for the future; and the Council of War is providing a Fund for paying Officers and Soldiers every Month.

*From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, Sept.* 6.

*Madrid, Sept.* 21. Several Diſpatches of Importance are ſent to the Italian Courts, and one eſpecially to the Governor of Portolongone. Orders at length are ſent to Cadix for the Men of War to ſet Sail and fetch home the Galleons, which now may ſoon be expected. Several Regiments of Dragoons are marching to Andaluſia to cover the Coaſt of that Province, for Security.

*Vienna, Sept.* 25. Letters from Presburg ſay, that the Diet of the Kingdom of Hungary has been ſitting ſon four full Months to no Purpoſe, nothing material having been tranſacted there yet; that State being unwilling to come to any Reſolution, unleſs the Emperor repairs thither to hear their manifold Grievances. The ſame Letters add, that at two Sittings, when they were ſummoned by Authority, and of which previous Notice was given the Night before, by Sound of Trumpets, Beating of Kettle drums, Diſcharging of ſeveral Pieces of Ordnance, and other uſual Signals; ſome of the chief States did not only ſtay away both times, but alſo held a ſeparate Aſſembly. Count Patiany, the Vice Chancellor of that Kingdom, has been ſent to the ſaid Diet with a very ſharp Decree of the Emperor, in which the Dilatorineſs of that Aſſembly

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is represented in very black Colours, and the States once more peremptorily warned to prevent his Imperial Majesty's high Displeasure, by ending the Diet assoon as possible.

*Paris*, *Oct.* 5. Mr. Panton, a Gentleman in the Neighbourhood of Caen in Normandy, having used Violence to oblige his Daughter to chuse a Religious Life and shut herself up in a Nunnery, the young Lady made her Escape from his own House in Man's Habit, and listed herself in the Regiment of Lorain now quartered at Port-Louis; after having served 20 Months as a private Centinel, she went and declared to her Captain what she was, acquainted him at the same time that she was resolved to marry a Soldier of that Regiment; which she was permitted to do: And the Inhabitants of Port-Louis liberally bestowed something upon the new-married Couple, to put them in a way of living. Besides which, M. de Bellegarde conferred an Office in the City on the Bridegroom.

*Venice*, *Sept.* 25. Three Ships which came here last from Corfu, brought Advice, That before their Departure thence Confirmation had been received from *Zant*, that both that Town and the whole Island are entirely free from the Contagion: Upon which 3 Thanksgiving Days have been kept here, during which solemn Processions were made, attended by the Doge and Senate.

*From the Evening Post*, *Oct.* 5.

*Vienna*, *Sept.* 9. Private Letters from Constantinople import, That That the Army of Sultan Esref has been entirely routed by that of the young Sophi, who is in full March to Ispahan. This sudden Turn has occasioned great Consternation at Constantinople. The People murmur; and the Grand Signor, fearing the Consequence of their Discontent, has shut up his Son, and dispatched away an Ambassador to the young Sophi, and another to Esreff.

*Dresden*, *Oct.* 4. The King of Poland is so far recovered of his late Indisposition, that he designs to set out for Warsaw before the End of this Year, to assist at the *Senatus-Consilium* which is to be held this Winter.

*Soissons*, *Oct.* 7. 'Tis talked that the principal Plenipotentiaries, who are still at Fountainbleau, will return hither about the 10th of November, when we expect to hear what Turn Affairs will take.

*Hamburg*, *Oct.* 8. Some Letters from Copenhagen say, that the King has resolved to impose a new Tax of 16000 Rixdollars upon the Jews settled there.

*Rome*, *Sept.* 29. A Jesuite is arrived here from Bologna with a Commission from the Pretender, but has not yet had Audience of the Pope touching the same. The Difference between this Court and that of Portugal, touching the Advance of Mr. Bichi to the Purple, still continues; and 'tis now uncertain when the same will be terminated, the College of Cardinals bearing a great Sway with his Holiness.

*From the Whitehall Evening Post Oct.* 5.

*Stockholm*, *Sept.* 24. Prince George of Hesse-Cassel, the King's Brother, is shortly expected here; as is likewise Mr. Finch, Envoy Extraordinary of Great Britain. 'Tis said, that immediately after his Arrival, some important Negociations will be set on foot. Mean-while the Armament both for Land and Sea-service is carrying on, to put the Kingdom in a good State of Defence.

*London*, *Oct.* 5. Cossum Hojah, Envoy of Tripoli, hath received Advice that the Cruizers of Tripoli have taken about 50 Sattees, Barks, &c. from the French since their late Bombardment by the French Squadron.

*Extract of a Letter from Gibraltar, dated Aug.* 26.

" The Spaniards still keep Guard before this " Place. 'Tis thought here that they will make " a 2d. Attack upon us about Christmass. The " Fortifications are completely repaired, and are " much stronger than ever; nevertheless we are " still raising new Batteries, on every Place where " it is possible to erect them.

Workmen are now erecting Scaffolding, in order to fix up the Effigies of his Majesty upon the Royal Exchange.

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*Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Oct.* 8.

*Since our last arrived a Mail from France, and one from Holland.*

THE Revolution mentioned in our last, That happened in Persia, causes a general Consternation

nation at Conſtantinople, where the diſaffected begin already to murmur againſt the Government, in ſo much, that the Grand Seignior has ordered his eldeſt Son to be confined, and at the ſame Time ſent two Embaſſies, one to *Eſref*, and the other to Prince THAMAS, to prevent if poſſible, a new War, with which the Turks ſeem now to be threatned.

On Sunday an Undertaker in Barbican, whoſe Name we hear is John Baun, being lett into St. James's Chapel, under pretence of delivering in a Letter to the Miniſter, took an Opportunity to lay a Coffin ſealed up, of about 18 Inches long, within the Rails of the Communion Table of the ſaid Chapel, with this Inſcription, viz. *Let no Man open this Coffin but his ſacred Majeſty King George, or whom he ſhall appoint.* The Perſon was thereupon ſeized and taken into Cuſtody, and was Yeſterday diſcharged therefrom, as *non compos mentis.* Mean Time the Coffin is not yet opened, but we are told it will ſoon be in preſence of the Biſhop of London, and a Board of Green Cloath.

A few Days ago died Gerard Wilſly Eſq; Member of Parliament for the Burgh of Trim in Ireland. He left in Caſh 80,000 L. beſides an Eſtate of about 8000 L. per annum. The Bulk of which he is ſaid to have left to Coveleg Eſq; in Clarendon Street in Dublin: And on Sunday laſt died at his Seat near Oxbridge, Sir Thomas Frankland Baronet. He left no Iſſue, but a very good Eſtate.

The South Sea Company's Ship which has been fitting out in the River for ſome Time for the W. Indies, is not yet ſailed.

The Advices by the French Mail, ſpeak very little of the Negociations of Peace, they being carried on with great Privacy, and probably will be ſo till every Thing is throughly agreed to, till which Time we ought to wait with Patience, and not to be too uneaſy or diſatisfied at the Length they have carried it to, eſpecially ſince it cannot be long now before the ſaid Negociations will have the deſired Succeſs.

The Report of more Men of War being put in Commiſſion is vaniſhed.

Above 200 Sail of Ships within theſe ten Days paſt, have arrived in the River, from the Streights, the Weſt Indies, Spain, Portugal, and the Eaſt Country.

We have Advices from Morocco, of the following moſt remarkable Act of Cruelty, viz. That when the Blacks had taken Mequinez, and finding therein the Eunuch, who was the principal Cauſe of Muley Hamet Deby's being depoſed, and Muley Abdemeleck's being advanced to the Throne, they cauſed him to be crucified, and cut his Fleſh by pieces from his Body, and burnt it before his Face in a Fire made for that Purpoſe till he expired.

There are at preſent near 250 Criminals in Newgate, to be tried next Week at the Old-Baillie, of which Number are upwards of 30 Street Robbers, and nine or 10 Sodomites, who have impeached a Gang of 40 of theſe unnatural Brutes.

We hear that the Duke de Riperda is arrived in Town from Ireland; qut 'tis not certainly known whether he will ſolicite for Protection of the Government, or proceed to Holland: From whence a Mail is juſt arrived. The Advices by it intimate, That the States of the Grand Duke of Tuſcany will be declared independent of the Empire, to the End that his Highneſs may declare for his Succeſſor the Infant Don Carlos, for whom a Fleet lies ready at Cadiz to tranſport him into Italy.

The Aſſembly at Barbadoes, in their Addreſs ſay, That they have granted the Governor Worſly ſo much Money, that they could raiſe no more, or to that Effect.

Letters from Jamaica of the 4th of Auguſt ſay, That the Galleons were arrived from Carthagena at Porto Bello, with their immenſe Treaſure for Spain.

*From the London Evening-Poſt, Oct* 8.

*Hague, Oct.* 5. We cannot yet learn with any Certainty what Route the Duke de Riperda has taken to eſcape out of the Kingdom of Spain. The Spaniards run ſuch length in their Diſcourſes as to accuſe the Britiſh Miniſter at Madrid of being acquainted, and even concerned in it. But this is a groundleſs Aſſertion, as if the Dutcheſs his Wife, who ſtill lives at Madrid, could not raiſe Money enough to bribe her Husband's Keepers without the Aſſiſtance of Mr. Keene. Be that as it will, it is a happy Eſcape, provided he can complete it; but

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in case the Spaniards catch him again, he is a dead Man.

The Conferences 'tween the Earl of Chesterfield and M. De la Paune, Ministers of G. Britain and France, with their High Mightinesses Committee for Foreign Affairs, turn upon the Negociations of Peace, and the taking of *New* Measures to bring about that Work. Repeted Assurances of Friendship, Alliances, and a perfect Union, are not wanting on this critical and seasonable Juncture, when the Allies of Vienna leave no Stone unturned to sowe Divisions among those of Hanover. Meanwhile the D. de Bournonville is set out for Madrid, with such a vigorous Declaration of the Allies of Hanover, that he will have no great Cause to boast of the Advantages he has gained over France in the Course of his Negociations, who stands firm in her Engagements without failing in the least Punctilio. And hence we flatter ourselves that the King of Spain will at last be prevailed with to accept of the Project of Peace; and the rather because almost all the Powers concerned have agred to the same: And the Emperor will likewise declare in its Favour, to animate his Catholick Majesty to follow his Example, which in all other Respects he does most implicitely, blindly following the Councils and Insinuations that are transplanted from Vienna to Madrid.

*Hague*, *Oct.* 15. According to all our Advices from Paris and Soissons, 'twill be the middle of November at soonest before we can know whether we shall have Peace or War.

*London*, *Oct.* 8. Lodgings are hired for the Duke de Riperda in York Buildings; but 'tis said he will go for a few Days to a Gentleman's House in St. James's Square.

This Morning there was a Report, grounded on private Letters, That the Galleons were arrived at Cadix; but this wants Confirmation.

*From the St. James's Evening Post*, *Oct.* 8.

*London*, *Oct.* 8. The Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy having caused a Survey to be made of the Masts, Fir-Timber and Deals, imported by the York-Buildings Company from Scotland, have approved thereof, and taken the same into the Yards at Deptford and Woolwich, for the Use of his Majesty.

S. S. Stock, 103, 3 8ths.

*Edinburgh*, *Oct.* 14. On Friday last his Grace the Duke of Gordon came to Town from his Seat of Gordon-Castle.

*Extract of a Letter from Elgin*, *Oct.* 8.

" On Sunday last about 2 a clock after Noon, " died in Prison here John Macpherson, Son of " Killihuntly, who was soon to have been tried " before the Lords of Justiciary, as an Out hounder of the Fellows that attempted to murder Mr. " Gordon of Glenbucket in his House in Badenoch " a few Years ago. The Minister who attended " him in his last Hours told me, that he discovered but very little Sense, yet frequently repeted these Words, *God forgive my Father.*

We are advised from Dumbar, That Baillie Fergusson had been lately chose Provost of that Burgh, and that none has been elected into that Office for 100 Years before.

Friday last, being the Anniversary of their Majesties Coronation, it was observed here as usually on like Occasions.

Last Night arrived in Leith Road the *London* of Borrowstonness, from London.

This Day, being the 22d Day of the Moon, it is High Water at Leith at 8 a-clock 56 Minutes. The Sun rises at 7 a-clock 7 Min. and sets at 4 and 53 Min.

## ADVERTISEMENTS.

☞ That Mr. James Craig, Professor of Civil and Canon Law in the University of Edinburgh, begins his Colleges on the Civil Law, upon the first Tuesday of November, at his Lodgings in the third Storey of Riddel's Land, in the Lawn-market of Edinburgh.

*** ALEXANDER BAYNE, Professor of the Municipal Law, begins his College upon the first Monday of November ensuing.

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